

To apply for admission to the CPCS Bar Advocate Program, follow these steps:

1. Complete this *Basic Application for Admission*
2. Mail one copy of this form to each county bar advocate program to which you wish to apply
3. Send one copy of this form to the CPCS Training Unit at 44 Bromfield Boston, MA 02108
4. Contact the individual programs to determine the status of your application and whether you need to submit additional information
5. The Bar Advocate Programs will notify the CPCS Training Unit if and when you are accepted into that program's panel of attorneys.
6. The CPCS Training Unit will place you in the next available opening for *Zealous Advocacy in the District Courts* training program and send you written notification of your placement and need to remit course tuition to MCLE immediately.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Attorneys are not eligible to accept appointments through Bar Advocate Programs, in either criminal or delinquency cases, while simultaneously employed by a prosecutor's office or other law enforcement agency. In addition, if you accept employment with a prosecutor's office or other law enforcement agency after submitting an application for admission to a Bar Advocate Program, you must update your application by providing written notice of that fact to each Bar Advocate Program to which you have applied and the CPCS Training Unit.

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**Optional Information for Demographic Reporting:**

**Gender:**

☐ Male ☐ Female

**Ethnic Origin:**

- ☐ Asian of Pacific Islander
- ☐ Black/non-Hispanic
- ☐ American Indian or Alaska Native
- ☐ Hispanic
- ☐ White non-Hispanic
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**Please complete all of the following:**

Name:	<input type="text"/>
Firm Name (if any):	<input type="text"/>
Office Address:	<input type="text"/>
Office Telephone	<input type="text"/>
FAX:	<input type="text"/>
Home Address:	<input type="text"/>
Home Telephone:	<input type="text"/>
FAX:	<input type="text"/>
BBO Number:	<input type="text"/>
Date of Admission to MA Bar:	<input type="text"/>

*While you may apply to a Bar Advocate Program for admission prior to being admitted to the Bar, you must be a member of the Massachusetts Bar and have a BBO number before CPCS will place you in the Zealous Advocacy in the District Courts Training Program*

Law School(s) and Date of graduation:

Bar Advocate program(s) to which you intend to apply:

**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND** *(Please attach additional sheets)*

1. Describe your educational and employment history.
2. Describe what in your background is evidence of commitment to the indigent population, to criminal law or to trial or negotiation skills development.
3. Have you ever been disbarred, suspended, reprimanded, censured or otherwise formally disciplined, publicly or privately, by licensing authority, public employer assigned counsel program, as an attorney or as a member of any other profession or as a holder of public office? \_\_\_\_\_ (If answer is yes, please explain).
4. Are any charges or complaints now pending before any court or agency concerning your conduct as an attorney, or as a member of any other profession, or as a holder of any public office? \_\_\_\_\_ (If answer is yes, please explain).
5. Do you speak any foreign languages? If so, state language(s) and level of proficiency and fluency.
6. The Committee for Public Counsel Services is committed to assuring that the panel of attorneys accepting criminal assignments is sensitive to the diversity of the defendant population it serves. What background, experience and perspectives would you bring to the panel which would further the goals of having a diverse panel that provides high quality legal representation? (Please answer these questions in 2 pages or less of text).
7. Are you currently employed, either as a volunteer, or salaried employee, full or part-time, by either a prosecutor's office or other law enforcement agency? \_\_\_\_\_ If answer is yes, please describe your plans with regard to maintaining such employment.
8. Please briefly state the reasons why you seek to become certified to accept criminal assignments in the District Court, and briefly furnish any other information which you think would be helpful to the evaluation of your application.

**STATEMENT AND SIGNATURE**

I hereby certify that the above information is true and correct.

Signature:

Date: